



Middleton News



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Thank You

You will be aware that we were visited by Ofsted on the 21st and 22nd June. The report will not be published for several weeks, but I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how immensely proud I felt about our pupils, staff and families. Our pupils were an absolute credit to the school. Staff were, as always, amazing, and I know that many parents also supported the school with positive communication to the inspectors.

Thank you so much for your kind words and messages of support, which were much appreciated.

Once again we demonstrated that we have a strong, engaging and positive school community here at Middleton.

Thank you!

Wimpole

Last Friday we enjoyed a whole school outing to Wimpole hall and Farm. The highlight of the day was viewing the piglets who were just one day old! All of our pupils behaved impeccably and had a lovely day. They completed a lot of walking on this trip so I suspect they will have slept well last Friday evening!



Upcoming Events!

The end of term is fast approaching and it feels as if there is a special event coming up every day!

Today is the **Upper school assembly** for parents and tomorrow is the assembly for **Lower School** and their parents.

Wednesday the 5th July is our **open evening** for you to meet with your child's staff team and view their achievements this year.

The **family pic-nic** will be held on Saturday the 8th July. Many families have already requested tickets to this event and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday. There will be light refreshments that can be purchased but we suggest that families bring their own pic-nic.

Middleton staff will provide some activities for the children to engage with but please note that pupils are

the responsibility of their parents at this event. Thursday 13th July is **Transition Day** across Hertfordshire. Pupils at Middleton will find out their class group for the 23/24 academic year and spend the morning in their new classrooms.

There will be a **swimming gala** on the 14th July for Middle School and Upper School. This will be held at Chauncy School in Ware at 10.30 for Middle School and 1.30 for Upper School. Families are welcome to spectate and more information will follow.

On Monday 17th July parents are invited to the **Middle School departmental assembly**.

Tuesday 18th July we will try once again to hold our **Sports Day**. This event will run from 1.15pm.

Wednesday 19th July will be our **Year Six Prom** – more information to follow.

Thursday 20th July will be our **Leavers Assembly and Leavers Lunch**.

Families of pupils who are leaving us will be sent more information about this.

Finally, we break up for the Summer holidays on Friday 21st July. School will close at **1pm** for pupils on **school transport** and **1.10pm** for those pupils who have a **parent pick up**.

Year Six Survey

Sadly, we are soon to say 'Goodbye' to our Year Six pupils. Parental feedback is very important to Middleton. So you will find a survey in your child's bag

this week. These responses can remain anonymous, but I do urge Year Six parents to complete the survey and return to us at school so that we can develop our school to best meet the needs of pupils and families in the future.

Kingfisher Klub!

We are very excited to re-launch our Kingfisher Klub this Summer. These two days will form a trial so that we can evaluate how to proceed with holiday clubs for our pupils in the 2023/2024 academic year. Please do return your form to school ASAP if you would like to be part of this scheme.



ELVIS

Today pupils from Middle School visited Ada Cole memorial stables and while visiting decided to adopt a pony! Elvis is a welsh pony and he met pupils in Toucans class today! It is his birthday tomorrow, meaning that all children and their families from Middleton are welcome to join a birthday party for Elvis to be held this Sunday at 12pm at the Ada Cole memorial stables. Entrance is free.



Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

The children in Lower School have continued to work on their new topic 'The Seaside'. They have made collages using a range of materials to represent a beach scene;



The children have this week also explored the story the 'Rainbow Fish' and have created their own version of the fish;



The children have continued to enjoy trips into the local community in the Summer sunshine,



And are still working 1;1 to improve skills within literacy and numeracy.



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Middle School

The topic in Middle School this half term is 'Walk on the Wild Side!' The pupils have visited several locations, including the Ada Cole memorial stables and will soon be spending a day at Shepreth Wildlife Park.

This week the children have been working on the story 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and have created their own writing;



In Science lessons this week the children have been sorting animals according to given criteria and categories, for example mammals, reptiles, birds.

In PE the children have been getting ready for Sports Day!



Upper School

The pupils in Upper School are enjoying their new topic; 'Sport and Leisure'. In cooking lessons this week the children have explored their 'chopping' skills;





Pupils have been learning about famous sports professionals and particularly enjoyed discussing footballers and the world cup!



The pupils have also taken part in independent writing challenges to see their progress in writing since the start of the year.



September 2023

A quick reminder that Friday 1st September is an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils. Pupils return on Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th and the start date for your child will be indicated on the letter they will receive on Transition Day, detailing their class for next year.

Dates for the diary

- Wednesday 5th July** – Open Evening
- Saturday 8th July** – Family Pic-nic (11am -2pm)
- Thursday 13th July** – Transition Day
- Friday 14th July** – Swim gala for Middle school (am) and Upper school (pm)
- Tuesday 18th July** – Sports Day 1.15pm
- Wednesday 19th July** – Year Six Prom
- Thursday 20th July**- Leavers assembly and lunch
- Friday 21st July** – end of term 1pm

Have a lovely week and I look forward to seeing many of you at the open evening this Wednesday.

Warm regards

Debbie Hartley



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